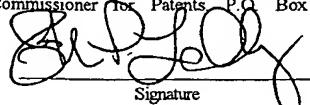




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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 31, 2006

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the office action dated May 31, 2006 (the "Office Action") in the above referenced patent application to address the issues raised therein and to highlight why the case is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

A petition extending the period for response is submitted herewith.